

American Appeal

No Wrong Can
Live Long
Under Free
Discussion

Berger Demands Nationalization of \$2,000,000,000 Food Trust

Debs Column

Great Trade War.

Robert S. Thornburg, the Washington correspondent, sent a letter out to the press from the national capital under date of January 23rd, which bore the following headlines: "GREAT TRADE WAR IN AMERICA'S PATH; ENGLAND, GERMANY AND CANADA CAST ENVOIOUS EYES AT SPREAD OF YANKEE BUSINESS."

The opening paragraph of this letter follows:

"Great Britain, Germany and Canada are mobilizing their commercial resources for a great drive to undermine the position of the United States in the markets of Latin America. With this warning to American exporters, Doctor Julius Klein of the department of commerce, declared that the United States cannot afford to regard its present success in overseas trade with complacency."

The impact of this statement is perfectly clear to all but the stone blind. The same old forces are being marshaled along the same old lines for a trade war that will inevitably culminate in a war of guns and bombs and blood if allowed to reach its logical conclusion.

All these nations are capitalist nations and therefore exploiting nations and therefore robber nations. The economic system which yields to them such an enormous surplus of products is cornered in the plunder of those who produce these products.

These capitalist nations, be it understood, produce exclusively for profit and not a single item for use.

The restrictions placed upon the domestic market by making it impossible for the workers to consume their own products make imperative the quest for foreign markets, and hence the cry for preparedness, for navies with big guns and armies with gas bombs and air ships with deadly shells to conquer and control the world market.

And yet the plutocrats who are the beneficiaries of this robber system would have us believe that they are going to put an end to war through their World Court. They have held their international court for thirty years, holding their sessions regularly, professing to be opposed to war, and what have they accomplished?

Did they prevent the world war? No.

Will they prevent the next war whose shadow is even now upon the world? No.

These plutocratic imperialists make war on each other for trade and their trade war is the beginning of the war of blood. They will never put an end to war because their system not only breeds war but is war.

These capitalist imperialists of all nations are once more heading the world straight for war, and if the people do not arouse and take warning, that war will drench with blood and litter with corpses the whole face of the earth.

Men who thrive in war can never be the makers of peace.

These men must be shorn of their power by destroying their system root and branch.

Capitalist imperialism is today the greatest menace to human liberty, to the traditions of democracy, and to civilization itself in all the world.

The workers, who are the chief victims of this system, must take the initiative in the struggle to abolish it. They must organize and train their forces, industrial and political, to strip the capitalist class of their exploiting power by taking over the industries of the nation and having them operated for use and not for profit, and that they forever remove the incentive for war and bring peace at least to a shattered, demoralized and distracted world.

Commonwealth College

This "school of self-maintainers, non-propaganda education for workers" is being highly commended by prominent working class educators and is meeting with gratifying success. It is a school founded primarily for the education of workers, and those in charge are of acknowledged standing as educators in labor circles. Labor and labor topics engage the attention of the teachers and the students and fundamental lessons are taught of vital interest to working people, for here there are no political influences to keep the truth about labor and the labor question from being taught as it is in the public schools by their bourgeois trustees and directors.

The Commonwealth College is located at Mesa, Arkansas, and full information in regard to it will be furnished on application.

The White Man's Burden.

The evidence that is coming out of Oklahoma in connection with the murderous conspiracy of long standing to rob the ignorant and unsuspecting Osage Indians of their inheritance and of the wealth that has come to them through the discovery of oil on their lands, is shocking and sickening to the last degree.

Here we have another startling and spectacular exhibition of how the white man bears his self-imposed burden of caring for the "inferior" races which are not able to care for themselves. The white man and his scribbles have for centuries, but more especially of recent years, vaunted the "superiority" of the white race and given themselves credit for benevolent guardianship of weaker races and bearing the weighty burdens of civilization. This has been "the white man's burden" until it has become an almost nauseating theme, for as a matter of fact there has been a vast deal of hypocrisy and cold-blooded self-conceit wrapped up in it.

As another matter of fact, the white race has been the most ruthless, selfish and unscrupulous race in history.

Ask any intelligent Indian what he knows about the white man's burden and his tender solicitude for weaker races.

From the hour the white man's foot first touched this continent until the present day his treatment of the Indian natives, his ruthless spoliation of these innocent children of the forest, his lying, duplicity, dishonesty, treachery and downright villainy and rascality constitute a record of shame, less deception and betrayal without a parallel in history.

And now in these latter days, in the concluding chapter of this infamous and disgraceful record, the Osage atrocities in Oklahoma stand out in shocking confirmation of the white man's total depravity in dealing with the weaker races.

Scores of Indians, male and female, have been secretly murdered in one way or another in the land of "white supremacy" to rob them of their lands and their possessions in Oklahoma, and when it could not be done otherwise the "superior" white man, to prove that he was bearing the burden of civilization by caring for the weaker races, married an Indian woman and then had her murdered to obtain possession of her wealth.

The moral of it all is that the White Man's "Burden" is himself, and that surely is some burden.

Recognition of Russia

The attitude of the United States government toward Soviet Russia is becoming more and more ridiculous and is in fact making Uncle Sam the laughing stock of the world.

The utter blindness and stupidity of our state department, to put it mildly as possible, passes understanding.

The trade between the United States and Russia has long since been resumed and is increasing by leaps and bounds without let or hindrance, but the red spectre still flits about in the belfry of our secretary of state and our cool and silent president, but whatever betide, Soviet Russia must not be recognized.

It is just as if a couple of individuals were to do business with each other daily, but one of them would say to the other, "I will deal with you, trade with you, and do business with you right along, but I'll be exceedingly jiggled if I recognize you."

Would not that be a fine specimen for a lunatic asylum?

Well, that is precisely the attitude of the United States government toward the Soviet government of Russia.

Practically all other nations have long since recognized the new Russian government which is as stable, as well established, to say the least, as any government in Europe, notwithstanding the repeated onslaughts made upon it by the combined imperialistic powers, including the armed forces of the United States.

Never before has the American government concerned itself with the kind of government set up by another nation, and this exception has been made solely because the Soviet government has for the first time in history established the rule of the working class and this of course is a monstrous crime from the point of view of the bleary-eyed imperialists of Wall Street.

There is a vital question involved in this matter and every American citizen should ask and insist upon knowing why the United States government can not only recognize but fawn upon the brutal and bloody dictatorships of Mussolini and Horthy and at the same time refuse recognition to the working class government established by Soviet Russia.

Big Business Organizes to Check Public Ownership

Eleven Lines Represented in Executive Body— to Flood Nation With Propaganda

An organization of the main lines of business throughout the United States to combat the trend toward Socialism through the gateway of public ownership is now in process of completion following a meeting in Washington, D. C., December 10 and

11, 1925, says "Around the Globe," a New York insurance publication.

The article, in part, follows: "The organization is known as the 'Conference of Government in Industry' and membership is being sought among three classes: trade associations, business and professional organizations, and companies or individuals interested. An executive committee consisting of eleven leading business men in various lines of activity, including insurance, has been elected."

The meeting in Washington, which Mr. A. Duncan Reid, president of the

Globe Indemnity Company, attended as a representative of the National Association of Casualty and Surety Underwriters and the Bureau of Personal Accident and Health Underwriters, adopted a declaration holding that the proper functions of the government are political and not economic. Abraham Lincoln was quoted in support of this provision: 'In all that the people can individually do as well for themselves, government ought not to interfere.'

"The purpose of the Conference is given as follows: (a) To disseminate among the people correct infor-

mation as to the extent, cost and results of governmental enterprises; (b) To urge that in all government operations there be established a recognized and adequate system of cost accounting; and that all existing prohibitions against rewarding labor on merit and efficiency be abandoned; (c) To inform the people that government in business means the establishment of a socialistic state, and the ultimate destruction of all individual opportunity; (d) To oppose every existing or proposed intrusion by government into the proper field of private enterprise."

Washington Letter
By Marx Lewis

As against the futile gesture of Senator LaFollette to have the two billion dollar food trust investigated, which will merely reveal what is pretty generally known to all who see and hear, Representative Berger has proposed the purchase by the Government and the nationalization of the trust Ward has created. In a statement he issued in connection with his proposal, Berger said:

"The food monopoly formed by William B. Ward, and his associates, brings into life a new vehicle for the exploitation of the American people."

"Some are demanding an investigation of the operations of the new monopoly. Such investigations have been the rule for a quarter of a century. Not only have all these investigations been useless, but the Sherman anti-trust law, and all the regulations, commissions and boards have been powerless to either hinder the creation or the growth of the huge monopolies to which 115,000,000 people must pay tribute every day of their lives."

"The truth of the matter is that monopoly is the natural result of economic evolution, and, therefore, inevitable. Competition leads to concentration of wealth—and finally competition kills competition. The strongest survive and combine, and we have a monopoly. In many industries, competition is only a matter of history. In its place we have a monopoly system, which has many advantages, but also a great defect, or evil: It gives a few men control of the necessities of life, and they naturally use their power for their own advantage."

"If monopoly is inevitable, as it seems to be, then the nation as a whole should be the monopolist. In the case of the food trust, it is surely more desirable that it should be owned by the Government in the interest of all the people than that it should be managed in the interest of Mr. Ward and his associates. That is why I propose that the food trust become the property of the Government."

Big Banks Win

The McFadden branch banking bill, enabling national banks to establish branch banks where they can the more readily compete and destroy the independent banks, has passed the House. Opponents of the "monopoly system" saw in it another effort to drive out the little bankers, and opposed the measure.

That the measure extends the control of the larger financial institutions now have of the credit system may be conceded, but an honest and thorough consideration of the situation as it now exists must convince a person of average intelligence that the credit system of the United States is practically controlled by a few monopolists right now.

The independent bankers, very much like the small businessmen in other lines of endeavor, love to think of themselves as masters of all they survey. They think that they are working for themselves. They work hard enough, long enough, and strain every one of their resources to the limit of their ability, and feel that they are being rewarded, if not by immediate results, then by the hope that is held out for them of becoming really big bankers in the years that are to come.

But as a matter of fact, the highest of them is but a pawn on the board which the Wall Street interests manipulate for their own benefit. The thousands of small banks that are wiped out each year bear eloquent testimony of the fact they exist only by sufferance—that their doom can be sealed whenever the powers behind the throne and on the throne will it so.

Yet the Progressives in the House, possibly sincere, are still trying to hold back the tide of monopoly—as if competition still existed.

Minus An Issue

In the absence of any issue by either Democrats or Republicans, a squabble developed during the past week between the President and Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, who for some reason unknown to anyone except himself has become the leader of the Democrats in the Senate—that is the political leader—as to who is trying to make an issue. Coolidge charged that the Democrats were getting ready to start the periodical attack on the administration in order to create an issue. Harrison countered with the assertion that Coolidge is thus diverting attention from the issues confronting the people.

Lincoln Foresaw Great Socialist Truths

Abraham Lincoln, greatest of American presidents, possessed in a remarkable degree the quality of prevision or insight. It was one of the supreme qualities of his greatness.

Before Socialism became a recognized force or issue, he expressed beliefs that are the basic beliefs of Socialists today.

Before any real struggle for industrial democracy had developed, Abraham Lincoln in his speeches foresaw that struggle and consciously championed the fundamental tenets of industrial democracy.

The Basic Principle

The basic purpose of Socialism or industrial democracy is to do away with all exploitation of labor. To establish a condition wherein every producer shall receive the product of his labor. Wherein no person or class shall live from the toil of any other person or class.

On this fundamental principle, this is what Lincoln said in a speech at Cincinnati, Ohio, September 17, 1859:

"I say that, whereas God Almighty has given every man one mouth to feed and a pair of hands adapted to furnish food for the mouth, if anything can be proved by the will of heaven, it is proved by the fact that that mouth is to be fed by those hands without being interfered with by any other man who has also his mouth to be fed and his hands to labor with."

"I hold that if the Almighty had ever made a class of men that should do all the eating and none of the work. He would have made them with mouth only and no hands. And if He had ever made another class that He intended should do all the work and none of the eating, He would have made them without mouths and with all hands."

"But inasmuch as He has not chosen to make them that way, if anything is proved, it is that those hands and mouths are to be co-operative."

Supremacy of Labor

A fundamental tenet of Socialism is the supremacy of labor over capital, man over things, humanity over the dollar—by the democratic ownership and operation of industry.

Lincoln approached amazingly close to this principle—nearer perhaps than any other outstanding figure of his time—although he did not quite reach it.

The Appeal quotes his well-known declaration on capital and labor, made March 21, 1861, to a committee of New York workmen in Washington, D. C.:

"Labor is prior to, and independent of, capital. Capital is only the fruit of labor and could never have existed, had not labor first existed. Labor is the superior of capital, and deserves much the higher consideration. Capital has its rights which are as worthy of protection as any other rights."

International Labor

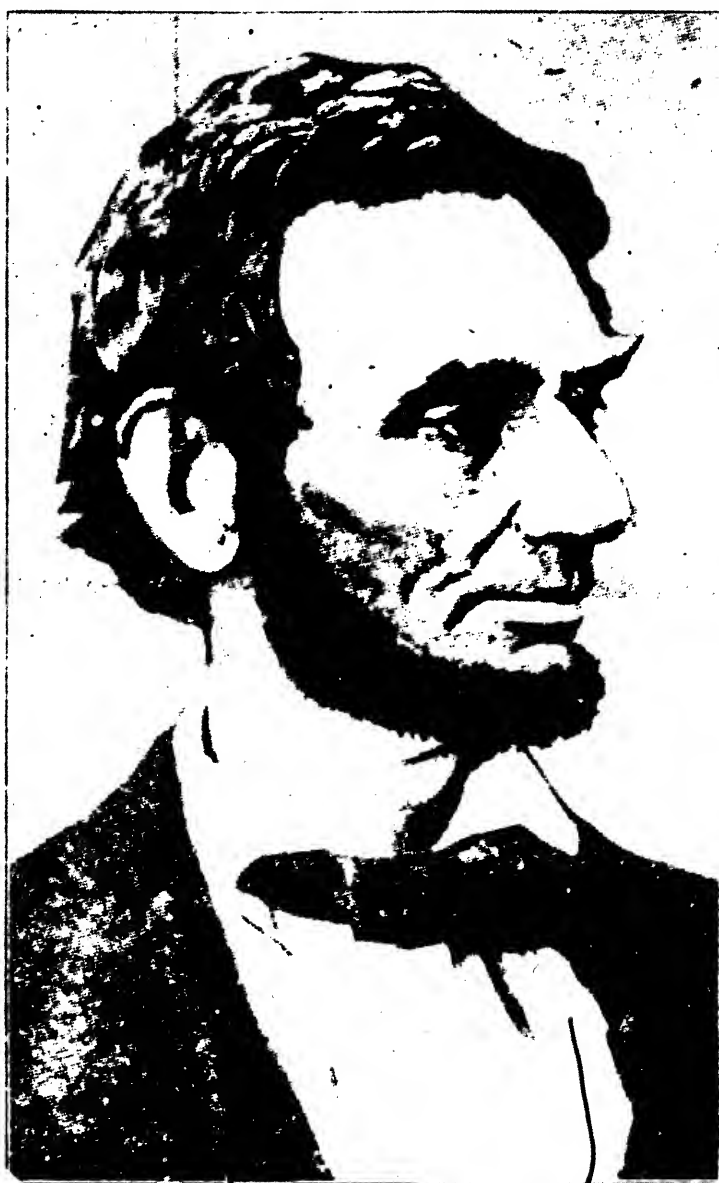
Another basic principle of modern Socialism is belief in the necessity of international unity of the workers of all lands in the struggle for the emancipation of labor and humanity.

Abraham Lincoln two generations ago said to this same committee of New York workmen:

"The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all working people of all nations, and tongues, and kindreds."

But he added: "Nor should this lead to a war on property or the owners of property. Property is the fruit of labor; property is desirable; it is a positive good in the world."

It was almost impossible in Lincoln's time and under the circumstances that surrounded his life to get



entirely over to the Socialist idea that there can be no essential antagonism between labor and property when labor becomes the owner of productive property. But Lincoln was close to it in his fine democratic sympathies.

The Function of Government

Socialists hold that the highest function of government is to serve in the hands of the people as a democratic instrument of economic justice and industrial service.

In 1847 Lincoln outlined a speech to be delivered in Congress in which he said:

"Inasmuch as most good things are produced by labor, it follows that all such things of right belong to those whose labor has produced them. But it has so happened in all ages of the world that some have labored, and others have without labor enjoyed a large proportion of the fruits. This is wrong and should not continue. To secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor, is a worthy object of any good government."

The Class Struggle

Like the Socialists of today, Lincoln saw that the basic evil is one class of people living off from the labor of another class; that this is essential slavery in whatever form it occurs and that out of the oppression and resistance it causes has arisen an age-long struggle—called today the class struggle.

In a debate with Douglas Lincoln said:

"The real issue is the right or wrong of slavery. It is the eternal struggle between these two principles—right and wrong—throughout the world."

Socialists Start Help for Miners

At last the Socialists are making organized efforts to help the locked-out miners of the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania.

B. Cohen of the St. Louis Daily Forward writes the Appeal:

"In compliance with your appeal in 'The American Appeal,' the Jewish Socialist Branch together with the Jewish Labor organizations of this city are arranging a ball, the entire proceeds of which are to be for the striking coal miners. The ball will be held on the 28th day of February in Unity Hall (Painters' Union Hall) Grand and Page. The charge for tickets will be only fifty cents."

"I have unofficial information that a collection is being made for clothes. If it is so, I am convinced that we could get a considerable amount of garments, and would be more than glad to put a notice in the St. Louis edition of the Daily Forward. Our office here as well as the comrades would gladly participate in this or any other efforts to help the striking miners."

This is a splendid example for the whole movement from Massachusetts to California to follow. Public dances and entertainments and other kinds of meetings to raise funds to help the miners will not only obtain these funds in large quantities, but it will enliven the local movements, arouse interest and do a tremendous amount of education work.

Clothes are sorely needed by the miners and are being sent to them from many points. LOCAL NEW YORK IS SENDING MANY TONS OF CLOTHING TO THE LOCKED-OUT ANTHRACITE MINERS AND TO THE SUFFERING MINERS OF WEST VIRGINIA.

A lockout is exactly what the miners' fight has come to, says President John L. Lewis. Organized capitalism is making the biggest attempt in its history to crush the biggest labor union in America. We all can prevent it.

Flood Nation with Berger Tax Speech

Comrades, a copy of Comrade Berger's really great speech on "The Ideal Tax Bill of Big Business" has been sent to all the readers of the American Appeal. THE SPEECH IS POWERFUL BECAUSE IT IS PACKED FULL OF THE DYNAMITE OF IMPORTANT FACTS. IT'S WONDERFUL. Today Feb. 9, the papers announce that the Senate has killed the publicity of tax returns of the revenue bill—as the caesars of industry and finance can hide this evidence of the amount of their plunder income. Now is the time to have your neighbors read this speech, hundreds of thousands of them. Now, comrades, NOW. Now is the time to strike, and strike hard. You can have the speech at \$3.00 per 1,000; \$1.50 per 500, prepaid. Address Victor L. Berger, House Office, Washington, D. C.

But as a matter of fact, the highest of them is but a pawn on the board which the Wall Street interests manipulate for their own benefit. The thousands of small banks that are wiped out each year bear eloquent testimony of the fact they exist only by sufferance—that their doom can be sealed whenever the powers behind the throne and on the throne will it so.

Want Socialism Now

"To win Socialism for this generation," this is the avowed purpose of a New Year call sent out to the members of the Independent Labor Party by its national council. The Independent Labor Party is a purely Socialist party within the British Labor party. The Independent Labor Party considers the methods of the British Labor Party on the whole too conservative. It has set out to make the whole labor movement of Great Britain more militant, with the belief that a militant labor and Socialist movement can bring Socialism in England during the present generation.

Berger Reveals Alien Property Retention as National Theft by U. S.

Moves for Restoration in Compliance With Treaty and Law

A bill providing for the immediate return of property held by the alien property custodian, and for the payment of damages resulting from the seizure of property of German and Austro-Hungarian nationals, introduced in the house by Representative Victor L. Berger, Socialist, Milwaukee.

The bill, Mr. Berger said, is practically the same as the one he introduced at the last session, but upon which the Republican majority refused to take action. The congressman attacked the present situation with regard to the holding of property of private citizens of the central powers as one of the most shameful in the annals of civilized nations.

An infamous theft.

"Never since the Thirty Years War in the 17th century was the looting of private citizens of enemy nations undertaken with such brazenness as was exhibited by this government in its seizure of private property in the recent World War," Mr. Berger said.

"This looting and the consequent failure to right the wrongs perpetrated is the more shameful because it was done in the face of the official declaration of Nov. 14, 1917, when this property was first seized, that 'there was no thought of confiscation of property thus held in trust.'

"It has repeatedly been asserted that the action of this government in these seizures stands no higher than the tactics of a pirate or an embezzler, particularly in view of the existence of the Franklin treaty with

Prussia, providing against such confiscation of private property in time of war.

"This treaty between the United States and Prussia, signed in 1785, was absolutely definite and unequivocal. It was Franklin who procured the following clinching statement to the treaty:

Against Old Treaty.

"And it is declared that neither the pretense of war, nor any other pretense whatever, shall be considered as annulling or suspending this and the next preceding article. On the contrary, the state of war is precisely that for which these articles are provided, and during which they are to be strictly observed."

"Of course, there is the pretext of American 'damage claims,' Mr. Berger added. "But everybody at all familiar with the situation knows that less than 10 per cent of the seized alien property would more than pay any claims that can ever be allowed. Moreover, it is unprecedented in the history of civilized nations to rob private persons for the purpose of paying other private persons with the proceeds of robbery."

"It is, therefore, entirely in line with our national war policy as 'Associates of the Allies'."

Characterizing this procedure as nothing less than "national theft," Mr. Berger added that "this theft naturally produced further thievery."

"What has already been disclosed about the manner in which this property was handled should be sufficient to send several of the alien property custodians to prison for life," he said. "They have disgraced our country."

Corn Surplus Smashes Old Party Lines and Principles

Present agricultural developments in the corn belt promise more for the ultimate alignment of the producers versus the parasites and for real political progress in America than anything that has happened in many years. A class of farmers of heretofore almost ingrained conservatism, wrestling with a surplus that has almost brought starvation to its door, is smashing political lines and economic traditions in America as never before.

Normally opposed to the use of governmental powers in the industrial field it has faced about under the stress of a tremendous emergency and is demanding government agencies for the disposal of its surplus and is forcing this (tabooed and hated doctrine upon President Coolidge and the Republican party. In this development individualism America is brought a step nearer Socialism and Socialist opportunity. Some of the facts connected with this change are interesting.

The corn crop for 1932 was 600,000,000 bushels more than that of 1924, but the market price is \$120,000,000 less. The farmers who planted potatoes are lucky, for while the 1932 crop is 100,000,000 bushels short of 1924, it will bring \$240,000,000 more. The trouble with most of the farmers is that they do not plant potatoes, say their critics, but if they had planted potatoes the potato surplus would have ruined them.

All the patriots are smoking Missouri meerschaums and eating corn syrup on their hot waffles as a remedy for the corn surplus. The corn gone has come into its own and the meerschaum graces the tables of the best families.

All of this shows the farmer how much he is beloved by the politician whom he feeds, but it doesn't seem to be enough for the farmer. The defeat of C. E. Bradfute, who brought President Coolidge to speak before the convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the election of Samuel H. Thompson who stood against the Coolidge policies, followed by the determined drive for the Dickenstein Bill is a rebuke to the administration.

which the Republican papers are finding it hard to explain.

The bill creates a Federal Farm Board to consist of six members appointed by the President upon the nomination of an advisory committee elected by the Farmers' Co-operative societies. The bill is intended to make the government take charge of the exportable surplus of the "basic products" which now sets the price of the entire crop. The basic products named are wheat, corn, cotton, tobacco, rice, cattle and hogs. Whenever the board decides that there is an exportable surplus of these products it will decide upon an operating period during which it will enter into negotiations with the Farmers' Co-operative Associations through which it will buy at the domestic price and sell at the world price. The difference is to be equalized by a few cents levied on the producers and the balance, if any are to be prorated back.

Another slap at the administration is the resolution passed this week by the National Board of Farm Organizations at its mid-winter meeting in Washington. This resolution demands the immediate abolition of the Tariff Commission and an investigation of its practices in Congress. The commission is charged with "prejudiced, exclusive and labyrinthine" practices in dealing with problems of great importance to the country.

The activities of the farmers' organizations indicate that another period of agrarian political activity is dawning. The capitalist papers are revealing that "old agrarian organizations" flourished until they advocated such economic heresies as bi-metalism when they declined. Ultimately such movements will have to go beyond the inadequate policies of the past.

Ultimately Socialists must awake to the fact that such agrarian revolts afford the fundamental opportunities to draw the farmers into the Socialist movement. The fact that the present farmer movement centers upon a proposal to use governmental or social agencies in the economic field is the true edge of a wedge out of which the Socialists may yet forge a battering ram against the capitalist system.

Lady Warwick Gives Estate to Socialism

The name of this eminent personage again has conspicuous place in the press dispatches. Countess Warwick, one of the most beautiful and aristocratic women in England is, as our readers know, a socialist, and this is such a startling thing to the bourgeois world that it has great news value and is therefore given wide publicity.

Lady Warwick has recently given her magnificent estate, Easton Lodge, in Essex, for use as a Socialist University. It was built in 1810, contains thirty bedrooms and many reception rooms and is said to be worth a million dollars. The College will have one of the most beautiful campuses of any educational institution in the world.

The Lodge will be remodeled to suit the demands of modern education and as a socialist university it will no doubt become one of the most noteworthy educational institutions in the world.

Countess Warwick though born to wealth had a heart too great, a conscience too sensitive, and a vision and understanding too clear to be satisfied to live in luxury and idleness out of the sweat and misery of those who toil.

Hundreds Wire Berlyn

Hundreds of telegrams were received by Comrade Bernard Berlyn on the occasion of his eighty-third birthday. This one from Comrade Debs is typical:

"You are indeed a loyal old scout and an intrepid old warrior and you stand today a towering monument of courage and fidelity in the labor and socialist movement."

Two Billion Food Trust Arouses Women of Nation

The organization of the great Two Billion Dollar Food Products Corporation, to be incorporated under the laws of the state of Maryland, is one of the most significant items, in the news of the week, to the workers. The moving spirit of the new combine is William B. Ward of the former Ward Baking Co.

A clause of the charter authorizes the Board of Directors from time to time to make contributions from the surplus or net profit of the corporation for the purpose of erecting or maintaining one or more hospitals, infirmaries, dispensaries or homes for invalid or aged employees of the corporation, or for producing healthful surroundings for employees.

In an interview with Mr. Ward shortly before the great merger was announced he told of his love of children and of his plan to use a great portion of the earnings of his industry for their benefit. That is all very well for the children. When they are eating their bread and milk, for which their fathers have paid the price fixed by Mr. Ward's monopoly, they can be consoled by the thought that a part of the profit collected by Mr. Ward will be spent for them. It is a good newspaper story to help out the organization which will control their bread.

If the children cry for bread Mr. Ward can say, in the words of the French princess at the time of the French Revolution, "Why don't they eat cake?" He will control the cake as well as the wheat, flour, bread, meat and fruit of all kinds.

Women organized in The Housewives' League are mobilizing to protect the business of housekeeping. They are to be armed by this organization to warm up the ovens and get busy learning to make the kind of bread mother used to make. They are going to revive the nice little gardens on the window sills which graced their homes in war days. They are to appeal to the senators and congressmen to break the control of the food supply by the great monopoly.

Perhaps they will learn that they have a stronger weapon in their hands than the good old-fashioned routine. Their voting-power would control food monopolies if intelligently used. Women are the purchasing power of modern society. They are the pearls bought by the profits of great corporations and they buy the food for the tables of the workers and their children. They must realize that if their work, the work of feeding the families of the nation, is to be done in factories they must be ready to take their part in the control of those factories.

Not by warming up their ovens and making kitchen gardens can the women of today "see that the business of housekeeping is protected." Great Food Products Corporation must be socially owned and controlled. This is a political issue of particular importance to women. Labor organizations of men are apt to emphasize wages and forget that if the index of prices is to pass out of their hands, wages can never catch up with necessity.

A. F. of L. Against War Dictator Measure

The American Federation of Labor is preparing to launch a fight against the Capper-Johnson military dictatorship, labor conscription bill, says the International News Service.

Says the announcement in part: Hearings on the universal conscription bill backed by the American Legion are scheduled to begin in Congress early in February and already a decidedly warm contest is in prospect.

For the first time the American Federation of Labor and the American Legion will be on opposing sides on an important issue, unless a compromise acceptable to both ideas can be evolved prior to the hearings. That seems a remote possibility at best.

The measure at it stands provides for the conscription of Labor and of wealth in time of war or national emergency. It is understood that the friends of the bill are willing to accept an amendment providing for such conscription only in time of actual war, but even this does not make the measure acceptable to Labor.

Convention Records Position. Labor, as recorded in the Atlantic City convention, urges "alertness

against conscription except during actual defensive war," and it is not at any point on record as favoring conscription of either wealth or Labor in civilian service.

The measure now before Congress provides for conscription of Labor for factory work, and for all civilian work, just as it does for conscription for the army and navy. What the bill provides, in essence, is for a military dictatorship which shall have absolute control of every phase of life in war time.

How wealth would be drafted and controlled is not yet explained, and there is a large hole in the provision that wealth may be conscripted as required for the defense of the Nation, which means, it is said that men would be under an absolute conscription, while wealth could and would be exempted wholesale.

President Green Will Appear. It is believed that President Green himself will appear before the congressional committee when hearings are held. It is known that high officials of the Legion will participate.

Appeal Army Column

*Comrades:—

Enclosed please find check for \$20 for twenty new subscribers to the AMERICAN APPEAL. They are all painters. Most of them not members of the Party. My friend Chas. Koenig, Financial Secretary of District Council No. 9, Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers and I solicited them among the members of our Brotherhood. We believe this the most important thing for our comrades to get new readers from among those that are not yet affiliated with the Socialist movement.

We will try to get a few more subscribers for the new "Dicke Bertha." With best wishes and the hope that the "American Appeal Army" will soon reach the million mark.

I remain,
Fraternally yours,
BRUNO WAGNER,
Business Agent,
District Council No. 9,
B. of P. D. & P. of A.
New York.

The Appeal Army starts this week with a salvo of heavy artillery. Good for Comrade Wagner! Come on you union men!

Here! Alfred Baker Lewis, again. This time he orders two bundles of two hundred each. Adam N. Eberly, of Reading, Pa. wants fifteen copies for ten weeks.

John P. Burke, Hudson Falls, N. Y. Stephen Chuck, Power Point, Ohio. M. E. Hilliard, New Castle, N. H. Erich, Syracuse, Kan., Anton Zornik, Hermida, Pa., all want bundles of fifty.

J. P. Cavanaugh, Whiteside, Mont. Sends fifteen year-olds and can use a bundle besides. "I have a few more in sight," he says, "that are going to take the paper as soon as some more banks close up."

A. H. Earler sends for a bundle of one hundred for Local Red Bluff, Cal. Geo. Hunter, Greenburg, Pa. and R. M. Burns, Los Angeles want twenty.

Thus E. Williams, Puntstunway, Pa. Just can't be kept out. First he orders four and a bundle then one and another bundle, all in one day. He's right back for more every week. Send 'em in as you get 'em, boys. Lose no time.

"Without doubt The American Appeal is the best propaganda paper we have had since the old Appeal to Reason," writes Wm. C. Barons, La Salle, Ill. He wants ammunition, four subs and a bundle.

A. A. Haehn, Baltimore, keeps up a steady fire. He sends another bundle with a list of nine new subs. He wants some help on the firing line and he knows how to get it. C. C. Keller, San Francisco sends three subs, and orders a bundle for himself. Will order for his local later.

So it goes. We would like to give a word of greeting to each one of the good, faithful comrades of the Army; but the editor insists that he has to say something about the coal strike and a few other subjects, so he won't let us have the whole paper. We could fill it all right with subs, bundles, orders, good wishes and suggestions which come in with every mail. If the Army keeps right on as it is going we will have a paper and a power ready for any good fight.

Our beloved Glengarry who writes the Glengarry column in the Appeal has the whole staff working overtime to make a better paper, just on account of a few words of praise telling what the Army scouts around Seattle think of the Appeal. He says:

"Nothing but admiration is heard of the American Appeal. No one has offered any adverse criticisms. That is more than can be said of any other publication that TELLS THE WORLD THAT IT HAS A STORED UP ENERGY FOR A MILLION CIRCULATION."

Now we have got to work like whiteheads to live up to that.



Bernard Berlyn.

Comrade Bernard Berlyn celebrated his eighty-third birthday February 7 at his home in Chicago. He has been in the Labor and Socialist movement since 1878. He was the friend of Ben Hanford, Liebknecht, James Connolly, Kier Hardie and all the pioneers who took part in the early struggles for labor in America and Europe.

There are few of the old guard left but we have letters from a number of them who are still working to make the world better for those who come after them. Let us never forget them and, on this occasion, let us include them in the love and reverence of the tribute which we give to Comrade Berlyn.

Stay Long

By Mary O'Reilly

Stay long, dear soul, upon the mountain-top,
Thou standest with the years beneath thy feet
Great-souled and free thou standest, and the snows
Of winter lightly fall upon thy head.
Thou art as young upon this natal day
As thou wert long ago in early spring
When lilacs bloomed and birds came back to sing;
For thou hast still the love of youth and life
Which thou hast kept through all thy life of love.

Stay long, that we who tread the rough new road
Through valleys dark, o'er hills and rocky ways,
May see thee standing in the light of faith
And hope.

Ah, give us faith and hope.
Stay long. The snows of winter lightly fall
But in thy heart is never-ending spring.

Greet Comrade Berlyn

The following telegram was received by Barney Berlyn, Chicago, veteran Socialist, from Abraham Caban and B. C. Vladeck of the Jewish Left Forward and William M. Pelkenbaum, well-known Socialist writer, New York, on the occasion of

Comrade Berlyn's eighty-third birthday:

"Dear Comrade: Warmest and most affectionate congratulations to you upon the historic occasion of your eighty-third birthday. May you live as long as you like and continue to inspire your comrades with your enthusiasm and your devotion."

Socialist Party News

If You Want

If you want the propaganda power of the party to be quickly and greatly increased, pay your party-membership dues.

If you want the morale of the movement vastly improved, pay your dues.

If you want to be loyal, pay your dues.

If you have money enough to go to the movie, you can pay your dues.

If you want your state well represented in the National Convention at Pittsburgh in May, pay your dues—and do it now.

If you intend to go \$5.00 with your State Secretary and the National Office, pay your dues.

If you really mean it, pay your dues.

If you are proud and conscientious, you can sleep better when you pay your dues.

Surely you understand the results when comrades stand back, neglecting to pay their dues.

Won't you—pay your dues?

AN OPEN LETTER

My dear Comrade:
Now we can go ahead.
The American Appeal is creating new interest and new confidence and new activity in our movement—unquestionably.

NOW is the time to strike—and strike hard—now while others are hoping, thinking and working for the great thing we are all eager for, the progress and power of the party.

NOW is the time to strike for new party strength, new propaganda power, new friends, new members, new locals.

NOW we have the American Appeal through which to work. Already the paper is greatly increasing the hope, interest, courage and determination of the Socialists throughout the country. A new spirit is in the movement, and it is growing.

If one or more comrades go to work in each of a thousand different communities for new friends, new members and local organizations, we shall each be vastly strengthened by the consciousness that many others are at work at the same thing at the same time with the same intention. Undoubtedly this knowledge multiplies our power for effective activity.

As soon as you have this letter please write the National Office for a supply of a letter prepared for your use. The supply will be sent for your convenience (1) in urging payment of dues and subscriptions to the American Appeal, (2) in securing members-at-large, and also (3) for proposing a meeting for the purpose of organizing or reorganizing a local in your community. If one thousand of you will do this and DO IT NOW, you will be giving the party a mighty boost; you will be making more solid the foundations of the American Appeal; you will be doing your duty; and you will be doing something worthy of the best men and the best women in the world.

IF POSSIBLE, Comrade, let me hear from you—won't you?—right away.

Fraternally yours,
GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK,
Acting Executive Secretary.

In this morning's mail we have as

surances from Florida that a sincere effort will be made to have that State represented in the National Convention at Pittsburgh, and from another southern state, North Carolina, there are indications of great interest in the National Convention. Kansas are also doing in preparation for the Convention.

Mrs. Emma Henry, State Secretary of Indiana, has just sent out a ringing, rousing letter to all the Socialists in Indiana. She announces the State Convention for May 22 and 23rd. Indiana will be in the National Convention with full representation. The gods seem to be with Comrade Gene Debs. Recently a terrific fire burned all around and under his office in Terre Haute. It seemed that the historical treasures of his files, rich with data pertaining to the development of the Socialist and Labor movement in the United States, were doomed for destruction. The office was filled with smoke, but the treasures escaped untouched.

Comrade James D. Graham of Montana is stirring up interest in the coming Convention. Some very interesting and profitable suggestions are being made to the Agenda Committee by Comrade Graham.

State Secretary Lena Morrow Lewis of California is now touring in the northern part of the State.

The Yipsels at Los Angeles are up-and-doing. Paul Blanchard speaks for them this week on "What I Saw in Russia." They have just had a festive, four-hour, round trip drive into the country, with baseball, rowing, dancing and hiking, not to mention the steaming coffee and hot pup. Right off they are to have another tiling, a debate and a grand hot-time. The local secretary urges local members thus: "Have you paid your dues? What are you doing to make our local movement grow?"

Here is some first class news from State Secretary Comrade Darlington Hoopes, of Pennsylvania, dated February 2: "We are on the up grade. Local Berks (Reading) has purchased nearly as many stamps since January 1 as it purchased in all of the year 1932. The American Appeal is arousing interest everywhere."

Local Philadelphia is desperately busy by telegraph seeking to secure Comrade Debs for a May Day oration.

The following good news arrived an hour too late for last week: "Local Bronx, New York, has recently greatly strengthened two Y. P. S. circles and organized a third one in the 7th A. D. As soon as this new circle is self-sustaining a fourth circle will be built; and the plan is to keep this up until the Bronx has a network of circles in every Assembly District. A special permanent committee has been elected whose business it is to build up Y. P. S. L. circles. . . . Other Locals should promptly attend to this same work everywhere—to get new material into our movement."

District Secretary Comrade Levenberg reports, "The New England District office lost a faithful worker when Comrade Alfred Baker Lewis left the

District to take up work in the East School in New York. The Boston Central Branch gave a farewell supper to Alfred and Lena Lewis on Saturday, January 30th. The speakers of the evening were George R. Brown, Joseph Barak and Brent Dow Allison, of Chicago. Comrade Allison will speak for the Boston Central Branch on Sunday, February 14th, on the Locarno Treaty. Comrade Allison is just back from Europe and will have an interesting message."

The National Secretary of the Finnish Federation, Comrade Edmo, writes: "There is more enthusiasm for action now than a year ago. . . . The Finnish comrades of Chicago are becoming more active than for a long time past. They are preparing for a splendid meeting in May. They have done their best to have Comrade Debs present. Comrade Palm of the Finnish Branch, is one of the most energetic and effective workers in the American movement."

Comrade White of the University of Richmond, Virginia, is in with a good letter in which he says, "Matters are promising here at the University of Richmond. We are conducting a study group at the present time and achieving favorable success. We have a number of local Socialists among the students and our ranks are growing slowly but certainly. We are all young yet but we believe we are on the right path. . . ."

More red cards are now being sent to members-at-large than for years past.

Comrades everywhere are urged to read the open letter above. The National Office is eager to hear from hundreds of comrades who want the co-operation of the National Office in finding local detached or unorganized Socialists to the end that in just a few many places as possible new organizations may be effected immediately. Let us hear from you. The office is yours to be used in helping do the things to be done.

Numerous inquiries are coming in from the southwest. Comrades in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah are urged to address Comrade O. A. Kennedy, 2422 Kiesel avenue, Ogden, Utah. Comrades in Washington and Oregon are urged to address Comrade Emil Herman, 4420 Evanston avenue, Seattle, Washington.

The Language Federations are as follows:

Bohemian Socialist Federation: James Brantner, 2703 South 66th court, Cicero, Ill.

Jewish Socialist Alliance: N. Chanin, 175 East Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Finnish Socialist Federation: Wm. Relvo, Box 396, Fitchburg, Mass.

Italian Socialist Federation: S. Bonaldi, 1011 Blue Island avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Lithuanian Socialist Federation: M. Jurgolis, 1739 South Halsted street, Chicago, Ill.

Jugo-Slav Socialist Federation: Chas. Pogorelec, 3433 West 34th street, Chicago, Ill.

Young people anywhere and everywhere in the Socialist movement should address Aaron J. Purkin, National Director of the Young People's Socialist League, 23 Townsend street, Fitchburg, Mass. He will be happy, indeed, to co-operate with you in every way possible.

Is it possible that President Coolidge and Andrew Mellon and Senator Smoot and the 257 Republican and Democratic Congressmen do not understand what every radical, liberal and progressive in the world knows—the sinister purposes and the international character of Pactism?

Startling facts behind the thirty billion franc counterfeiting plot in Hungary and the abdication of Prince Carol of Roumania, are revealed in an article in The Nation by Emery Dert, correspondent in several European capitals for Budapest newspapers.

And this plot succeeded. Mussolini's projected "Roman Empire" of allied Fascist states would have been established on the ruins of overturned governments. Democracy would have been wiped out and the working class completely enslaved over a new large area. An armed international power threatening the peace and liberty of the whole world would have raised its ugly head.

The article follows.

Best Bakery Deter in The Nation.

was able to obstruct. At the same time the investigation of the counterfeiting conspiracy in Hungary brought to light the plans for an immediate Fascist revolution in that country. The German newspapers' exposure of the complicity of Bavarian Fascist leaders in the counterfeiting affair in Hungary throws light on the close connection between the Fascist revolutions planned in Hungary, Rumania and Bavaria. The details of a sensational scheme are coming to light—a scheme of starting Fascist revolutions simultaneously in those three countries, starting the wave by the seizure of power in Germany, then in Rumania, then in Hungary, then in Bavaria, then in Italy, then in Austria, then in Poland, then in Czechoslovakia, then in Yugoslavia, then in Greece, then in Spain, then in Portugal, then in France, then in the United Kingdom, then in the United States, then in Canada, then in Mexico, then in Central America, then in the Caribbean, then in South America, then in Africa, then in Asia, then in Oceania, then in Antarctica.

The history of the movement dates back to the early summer, when the Hungarian Archduke Albrecht visited the ex-Kaiser at Doorn. This young, blond, and rather insignificant Hapsburg harbored secret claims to the

Centers Around Mussolini

and remarked upon the apparent activity in reactionary circles. As to young Albrecht, he continued his journeying. He spent a few days unofficially in Bucharest. Fascist leaders such as Professor Cuza, paid visits to him and, as was only natural, he also saw Crown Prince Carol. Strangely enough, the press of Central Europe took no attention to this incoincident visit. Not until months afterwards, when the resignation of Prince Carol startled the world, did the Paris press suddenly remember that early in the fall Archduke Albrecht had seen Prince Carol in Bucharest, and linked this mysterious visit with the resignation of the Rumanian Crown Prince.

These journeys of Archduke Albrecht, those secret or even open meetings were the first steps toward a Fascist organization throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Fascism was organized already under different names in all three countries. In Rumania they called themselves Nationalists; in Hungary, Awakened Magyars; in Bavaria, Hakenkreuzler. The only thing that remained to do was to merge the various groups into one powerful organization. The merger was effected on a cold business basis in a perfectly business-like manner.

From October on things took a sudden and startling turn everywhere. Archbishop Albrecht appeared in Budapest and addressed an open propaganda in the interest of his aspirations for the throne, avowing openly his Fascist sympathies. Suddenly this young Hapsburg, who had had no party and no backing, marshaled behind him all the reactionary organizations. Two newspapers supported him, he was elected president of the powerful League of Social Organizations, and Bishop Ratsay greeted him after his election with the words: "Art thou he who was about to come."

Cross in Hungary, all organizations now assumed the name "Fascists." The newspapers were full of stories about Albrecht. The Fascists openly claimed the support of Mussolini. Political murderers fled to Italy and there enjoyed the protection of the Fascists. One of them, a man named Kmety, perpetrator of a bomb attack

"In a short time Albrecht will be King of Hungary. Fascism is spreading rapidly. Archduke Albrecht, when he was in Rome, came to a complete agreement with Mussolini, who is supporting him. It is agreed that Archduke will marry the younger sister of Princess Mafalda, so strengthening the future alliance with Italy.

The liberal newspapers in Hungary were furious about this open declaration of the military dictatorship. It demanded an explanation from the Archduke. But Albrecht remained silent. He allows his supporters to speak. And they did, in fact. Tibor Eckhardt, a Fascist leader, delivered a speech in Parliament saying: "Yes, we declare openly that we want a Fascist dictatorship, that we admire Mussolini, and we are certain of his support when the hour of action strikes." At the same time, for some mysterious reason, in spite of the violent opposition of the left parties, the Hungarian Government decorated Musso-
lini with the highest Hungarian order.

Fascist Revolution Ready

As if taking new strength from the march of events in Hungary and Ru-

In Hungarian Fascist leaders prophesied that the question of the throne would be solved in January. The well-informed Count Apponyi warned Hungary against "a monarchy of adventurers." In Rumania the Cabinet Council decided, on the advice of General Trajan Mosoin, to refuse a visa for the Fascist leaders in Hungary who wanted to hold a joint meeting with the Rumanian Nationalists in Nagyvarad. Mysterious hints at relations between Archduke Albrecht and Prince Carol began to appear in the press.

This was the state of affairs in Central Europe when Crown Prince Carol's startling abdication became known. The Rumanian Government instituted a severe censorship but the significant news leaked out and Rumanian newspapers reached the capitals of foreign countries. Simultaneously with the resignation of Carol, Professor Cuza, Rumanian Fascist leader, was arrested, the Government giving no reason for his arrest. Arrests of other Fascist leaders followed. At a meeting of the Council Julius Mafiu, leader of the Nationalists (Fascists), demanded that Prince Carol be solemnly asked to revoke his resignation. Nicholas Iorga and Alexander Volvoda-Vajda implored the King to ask the Crown Prince not to provoke a grave crisis and to revoke his abdication, but the King interrupted the speakers and said: "No. It is resolved. Nothing more to be done." These details were put back by Rumanian newspapers and the censorship was subsequently imposed.

The Fascist plot in Rumania was nipped in the bud. The exposure of the counterfeiting plot was a death blow to the Putsch-preparations of the Hunckarian Fascists. The Ruman movement, of course, is not yet dead, but alone it will not amount to anything. The plotters of the counter-national Fascist uprising have fled. Where to? To Italy, of course. Good is in Milan, Count Csanaky, former Hungarian Minister of War, has gone to Italy. Emery von Nafossy, chief of the Budapest police, was on his way to Milan when he was arrested. French detectives, searching for the counterfeiter plotters, went to Milan. Italy is reported to be full of German, Hungarian and Rumanian Fascist leaders who are wanted by the police. Perhaps they have regular meetings to discuss further possibilities for the formation of the new European empire by way of putches, conspiracies, murders, revolutions, and wars. For the time being their plans have been frustrated. But Fascism has shown that it is not merely a political creed but a real national danger, and while Mussolini is in power in Italy peace cannot succeed the era of hatred and wars in Europe.

Is America going to war or peace

TIMS OF THEIR AGGRESSION, WERE NOT PERMITTED TO ARM. UNTIL THEY WERE CONQUERED AND CRUSHED.

International capitalism, now getting ready to function, if possible as a unit, through the League of Nations and the World Court, does so because of the imminent danger of its being bankrupt and wrecked by nationalistic wars and **RESULTING REVOLU-**

ANY NATIONAL WAR NOW IS LIKELY TO TERMINATE IN A SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

As much as capitalist nations are drawn into a deadly competition for the sources of raw material and markets for their surpluses, they are beginning to feel the deadly menace of war more than anything else.

The League of Nations is an inevitable development for this stage of capitalism. IT IS POLITICAL CAPITALISM PROTECTING ITSELF AGAINST DEADLY COMPETITION BY TRUSTIFYING. JUST AS THE MONOPOLY IS ECONOMIC CAPITALISM PROTECTING ITSELF FROM DEADLY INDUSTRIAL COMPETITION.

Such a World League and Court can masquerade under the forms of democracy while with its international army and navy it polices the

world and preserves a Roman peace, or it can function as a fascist military dictatorship.

IT WILL DO THE FORMER IF IT FEELS IT CAN DO SO AND STILL PRESERVE THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM. IT WILL DO THE LATTER IF IT FEELS THAT IT MUST, IN ORDER TO PRESERVE THE CAPITALIST SYSTEM.

It is too class-conscious not to understand the value of the Mussolini form of capitalist rule. FASCISM IS THE GUN BEHIND CAPITALIST RULE. IT IS THE LAST BRUTAL RESORT OF DECADENT AND DYING CAPITALISM.

WHATEVER DISCIPLINING IS ADMINISTERED TO THIS INTERNATIONAL DESPERADO, THIS GUN OF FASCISM WILL NOT BE THROWN AWAY.

Unless the workers speedily gain control of a few more governments like Denmark, Sweden, Queenland, New South Wales, and Russia, THE BALANCE MAY BE TIPPED AGAINST THEM FOR SOME TIME BY INTERNATIONAL CAPITALISM -- EITHER MASQUERAADING UNDER DEMOCRATIC FORMS, BUT PREVENTING ANY CHANGE THAT WOULD BENEFIT THE WORKERS, OR RULING IN BRUTAL, MILITARY, FASCIST FORM.

This is an anti-Fascist page.
The Appeal is making this a page
on Fascism to bring out strongly and
impressively the fact that FASCISM

FASCISM WAS ORGANIZED ORIGINALLY FOR THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF DESTROYING THESE THREE MOVEMENTS.

This is true because these three movements in their normal historical development will wipe capitalism out of existence.

Fascism arose because it BECAME APPARENT THAT THE LABOR, CO-OPERATIVE AND SOCIALIST MOVEMENTS MIGHT DESTROY CAPITALISM BY PEACEFUL, CONSTITUTIONAL, DEMOCRATIC METHODS.

Some have asserted that Fascism arose in Italy in response to certain violent phases of the labor and socialist movement in Italy such as the seizure of certain industries by the workers, at one time.

These feuds, fistic, sporadic acts under armed government controlled by organized capital have never been a real menace to capitalism. As in Italy, capitalism has always ousted such workers without much trouble.

IT WAS BECAUSE TWO-FIFTHS OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE VOTED

A vivid picture of the dangers into which world reaction seems to be leading us is afforded by a recent dispatch from Rome disclosing the status of

the labor movement in Italy.

Before the rise of Mussolini the labor unions of Italy had a membership of 2,000,000. The political party of the workers was the most powerful party in Italy. The co-operative movement was advanced to the stage where unions were leasing railroads and great industries and undertaking great drainage projects.

After several years of Fascist violence and terrorism, combined with a control of jobs adverse to the bonafide trade unionists, the membership of these unions has been reduced to 1,000,000. Of the 2,000,000 members that have been forced out of the unions, about 100,000 have joined the so-called Fascist labor union.

These Fascist organizations are backed up by the double use of intimidation and the offer of protected jobs and steady work which they make it increasingly difficult for the loyal trade-unionists to get jobs. It is feared that in this way the Fascist-controlled labor organizations will become so powerful that it will become impossible for any Italian worker to get a job unless he belongs to a Fascist organization.

This, of course, would mean the total disappearance of any independent labor movement in Italy, the annihilation of all labor ideals and

Italian Fascism, financed and estab-

lished by the American debt settlement, has strong-armed England and obtained a debt cancellation amounting to 83 per cent. This deal represents the price England is paying for support against the menace of the East and Bolshevism, says a capitalist-American newspaper correspondent in London.

The menace of the East means the menace of the conquered nations of Asia and Africa, upon whose necks British imperialism has its feet.

"Bolshevism" to the reactionary Tory government of England means any movement of the workers throughout the world toward more democracy and industrial emancipation.

AT THE VERY MOMENT THAT AMERICA ENTERS THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS THROUGH THE BACK DOOR OF THE WORLD COURT, THIS SINISTER FASCIST-CAPITALIST ALLIANCE THRUSTS ITSELF TO THE FORE IN THE LEAGUE, PRACTICALLY INSURING THAT THE LEAGUE AND THE WORLD COURT WILL BE USED AGAINST ALL MOVEMENTS OF THE WORKERS TOWARD EMANCIPATION.

Here is the article of this capitalist press correspondent:

The Anglo-Italian debt funding agreement was signed today by Count

The Italians, who have been for nearly a fortnight, will leave for home tomorrow, where they ought to be received with a warm welcome, having succeeded to settle the Italian debt for about one-sixth of its value. They have secured better terms from Great Britain than from the United States, and are paying Great Britain less, although they owed it more.

This result, it is no longer a secret, was obtained by the Italian strong arm methods. Great Britain realizes it is buying future unity of Europe against the menace of the east and buying peace. On that basis it is willing to pay the price.

The details of the settlement are the same as cable to "The Tribune" on Monday. The basic annuity is \$2,500,000 (\$22,500,000) for twenty years. This has a present value of \$2,000,000 (\$18,000,000). The total claim made by Great Britain was \$500,000,000 (\$2,950,000,000), and this was scaled down by the Italians to \$10,000,000 (\$2,550,000,000).

Great Britain, however, is agreed to receive full annual payments of \$2,500,000. Each year there will be reduction of one sixtieth second part of \$2,000,000 (\$10,000,000), and amount in gold Italy deposited with the Bank of England as security for

How Fascist Union-smashing has

The average reduction in wages as between 1921 and 1924 in some of the principal industries was:

Textile	15-18 per cent.
Machines	15-20 per cent.
Chemical	15-25 per cent.
Building	18-20 per cent.
Wool	20-25 per cent.
Food	20-30 per cent.
Wages Below 1914 Standard.	

Taking into account the cost of living, "La Giustizia" finds that whereas the Trade Unions had forced real wages on an average throughout the country to a standard above that of 1914 in the years following the war, in 1924, after several years of Fascist dictatorship, real wages had fallen to as low as 78.66 per cent of the 1914 standard.

The heavy reductions in wages have compelled the workers to accept two,

three or even four hours a day overtime in nearly every industry. In order to live. In the iron and steel industry 75 per cent of the workers perform three hours' extra work per day, and railwaymen, post and telegraph workers, employed by the State, work 10 hours or more a day. A 12-hour day is now the rule for agricultural labor, while seamen on some Italian ships work 16 hours a day.—Exchange.

News-paper correspondents writing

When we settled the Italian loan for 20 cents on the dollar "makes no difference," said many years ago from Rome, declaring that the money from the United States gave Mussolini the money he needed to buy the arms of the administration. It is consistent. Several years ago, an organization of monarchists whose purpose, admittedly so, was the restoration of Czarism in Russia, sent Secretary of State Hughes a letter thanking him for or what he was doing to help them restore Czarism.

Helping the enemies of the liberties we profess to cherish has become a favorite practice with the administration, Republican and Democratic, in the last few years. Czarism in Russia, Fascism in Italy, the crushing of every effort of the Moslems to restore their lost heritage, the gentlemere of the world—that is what the great Republic created to

help liberty throughout the world has come to under the rule of Morgan and his lackeys.

A committee for the reorganization

of the Socialist Party of Italy following the dissolution of the former party by the Fascist dictatorship has sent out a call signed by leading Italian Socialists. The new party will be known as "the Socialist Party of the Italian Workers." In spite of an onerous Fascist law subjecting non-Fascist parties to the arbitrary control of the police, these heroic Italian workers have set out to form the frame work of a political organization which will abide its opportunity as it carries on its educational and organization work.

Crusies Co-operatives

The independent co-operative move

ment in Italy has been crushed to earth under the tyrant's heels, despite the energetic protests of both European and American labor and social syndicates. Mussolini's overwhelming ambition to allow not one organization in all Italy but bows to his will has resulted already in the destruction of independent trade unions, workers' political parties and both producers' and consumers' co-operatives. The credit union movement is the next on his prescribed list.

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ROME, Jan. 25.—The senate today accepted a bill providing for the seizure of property of political emigrants guilty of acts against the Fascist government. The bill will become a law with the signature of the king Thursday.

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